appointment, promotion etc., of judicial offices of the District/Subordinate Courts are governed by the respective State Governments. The Central Government is not concerned with any of the functions in this regard.

(d) Does not arise.

Status of Parliamentary Secretaries

2713. SHRI SURESH BHARDWAJ: Will the Minister of LAW AND JUSTICE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Chief Parliamentary Secretaries and Parliamentary Secretaries hold the status of Minister/Minister of State/Deputy Minister;

(b) if so, whether some State Governments have appointed Chief Parliamentary Secretaries and Parliamentary Secretaries in excess of the number of Ministers as provided in the amended provisions of the Constitution of India; and

(c) if so, the action taken by Government for violation of the constitutional provisions?

THE MINISTER OF LAW AND JUSTICE (SHRI H.R. BHARDWAJ): (a) to (c) The requisite information is not readily available and the same will be collected and laid on the Table of the House.

Cases of bouncing of cheques

2714. SHRI SANJAY RAUT: Will the Minister of LAW AND JUSTICE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that a large number of cases pending in the various courts are related to bounced cheques amounting to Rs. 50 crore's or even more;

(b) if so, Government's reaction thereto; and

(c) what are the steps taken so far by Government for resolving these cases in time bound period?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF LAW AND JUSTICE (SHRI K. VENKATAPATHY): (a) to (c) The information is being collected and will be laid down on the table of the house.